Government to provide financial assistance to the State Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards which are giving quality education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's response thereto; and

(d) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) During the current financial year, no such proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra in this regard.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Vocational education and training

2774. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the State Governments to send detailed proposal for financial assistance under the revised scheme of the Vocational Education and Training *vide* communication dated the 9th June, 2005;

(b) if so, the detailed thereof;

(c) whether some of the State Governments have since submitted their proposal for implementing the Centrally sponsored + 2 level Vocational Education Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether these proposals have been approved; and

(f) if not, by when these are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) Project proposals for expansion during 2005-06 under the existing scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at + 2 level have been invited from various States Government during the year. New expansion proposals have been received from the State Governments of Uttaranchal, Sikkim,

Manipur, Orissa and Pondicherry. The feasibility of these proposals for approval and release of grants during the current financial year is being assessed.

Adult Education in Punjab

2775. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Adult Education Scheme is being implemented in Punjab;

(b) the amount spent under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of the persons benefited through this scheme, year-wise; and

(d) by when the last report in this regard was received from the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Punjab, the following amount was spent during the last three years for implementation of adult education schemes in Punjab:-

2002-2003	Rs. 21.17 lakhs
2003-2004	Rs. 61.75 lakhs
2004-2005	Rs. 121.09 lakhs

(c) and (d) According to the progress report for the Quarter ending March 2005 submitted by the Punjab Government, the number of persons benefited, year-wise, is as under: -

2002-2003	38,099
2003-2004	1,98,753
2004-2005	3,46,513